

# Reporting the accomplishments of CAP members worldwide

## Northeast Region

Commander  
Col. Joseph A. Guimond

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** — In May, Manchester Cadet Squadron cadets held an open house at the United States Naval Reserve training center in Bedford, N.H.

Mayor **Raymond Wieczorek** presented the Mitchell Award to Cadet **Chris Duquette** and promoted him to cadet flight officer.

Recognizing the graduating high school seniors were squadron commander Capt. **Curt Lafond** and cadet commander Maj. **Ryan Nugent**.

Among several Air Force Reserve members who attended the event, were New Hampshire

commander at summer encampments and emergency services bivouacs. Cadet Croker has won wing and Northeast region speaking competitions and was invited to the National Youth Leadership Forum on Security and Defense in Washington, D.C. He has also received the Captain Michael Chinburg Scholarship, given in honor of a New Hampshire F-16 pilot who was killed during Desert Shield.

In high school, Cadet Croker was co-captain of the 1996 state champion swim team.

This fall, he will major in mechanical engineering at Utah State University.

**NEW JERSEY** — A review board recently selected staff positions for the 1996 New Jersey Wing Encampment.

Lt. Col. **Harold Thorp** and

Capt. **Stacey Zimmerman** held a staff meeting in May at wing headquarters. Senior and cadet members met and received special insignias that identify them as camp staff.

The encampment will be held at Ft. Dix and McGuire Air Force Base in August.

Lt. Col. **Harold Thorp**

**NEW YORK** — New York South Eastern Group and its composite squadrons recently gave aerospace education week a helping hand at Church Street Elementary School in White Plains, N.Y.

The group assisted in an aerospace project "T-34 Program" during National Science and Technology Week that included the fly-in arrival of a NASA pilot and educator.

A constraint on federal funding for the project would have forced the pilot and his wife, a science librarian, to fly-in commercially if it wasn't for the help of Civil Air Patrol.



Civil Air Patrol members and guests witnessed the fly-in arrival of a NASA pilot at Westchester County airport during National Science and Technology Week in White Plains, N.Y.

The South Eastern Group was contacted by project coordinators who were looking for assistance. Group commander Maj. **Ken Andreu** volunteered his own aircraft to stage an arrival at the Westchester County Airport. He arranged to use the Seagram's Company ramp for several hours as a static display area for more than 80 students.

North Castle Composite Squadron Senior Members Capt. **Arnie Allison**, 1st Lt. **Bruce Hutchison** and 1st Lt. **Elizabeth Hatch** assisted with supervision and ramp safety.

**Diane Lang** and **Bob Lent** arranged for NASA's **Leonard Cobb** to come as a guest speaker. Lang and Lent developed a working relationship with NASA from training as aerospace educators at NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland.

North Castle Squadron members assisted with a community presentation by Cobb and were able to speak about CAP.

Former Eastern Airlines pilot Captain Allison gave a slide presentation to the school and answered students questions about aviation careers.

Members were rewarded with overwhelming joy and admiration from young students.

**NEW YORK** — In May, 27 cadets, senior members and family members from four Long Island squadrons came to Calverton National Cemetery in Calverton, N.Y. Members helped decorate some of the 117,000 grave sites with American flags.

Col. F. S. Gabreski Squadron Project Officer Capt. **Ellen Hirsch** was assisted by: Capt. **Thomas Piekarski**, commander of Suffolk Cadet Squadron 5; Capt. **Patricia McCauley**, commander of Suffolk Cadet Squadron 9; and 1st Lt. **Dennis Bannon**, commander of North Fork Composite Squadron.

Members worked in teams of two, one making a hole in the sun-baked ground and the other placing the flag.

Civil Air Patrol personnel decorated over 2600 burial sites for honored veterans. With the assistance of more than 2000 people from Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the Pioneers of America

and other groups, the entire cemetery was covered with red, white and blue in just over two hours.

In addition to decorating grave sites, CAP members provided communications between the Veterans Administration staff and the volunteers. This ensured that flags were delivered to the sections as needed and all traffic was safely routed through the facility.

All assignments were accomplished with efficiency, professionalism and a great amount of respect shown for the true meaning of Memorial Day.

**Frank Belsito**, Chairman of the Grave Site Decoration Committee and past commander of American Legion Post 1941, commended CAP personnel for their outstanding performance and assistance.

Capt. **James A. Hirsch**

**NEW YORK** — Recently, Senior Member Maj. **David Hunter** was presented the Paul Garber Award.

Major Hunter is presently squadron commander of the Rochester Composite Squadron, Finger Lakes Group and New York Wing.

After friends talked with him about radio communication in the Civil Air Patrol program, Major Hunter became interested in joining.

Major Hunter has been an active member since he joined the TAK Composite Squadron in 1979. He went to a land rescue training weekend at Niagara Falls Air Force Base and earned a 101 communication card. He then began teaching radio communications to cadets and senior members. After progressing through the cadet ranks, the major became squadron cadet commander and the 13th TAK Squadron cadet to earn the Spaatz Award in 1982.

Five years after becoming a senior member, Major Hunter transferred to Rochester Composite Squadron in January 1989. By the end of the year, he had become the deputy cadet commander and later became squadron commander.

Holding a specialty rating of senior communications officer and master of cadet programs, Major Hunter is active in drug

demand reduction activities, search and rescue training, and missions that occur in the New York Wing.

During the seven years the major was active in the Rochester Squadron, he has worked to be a voice for cadets. He believes cadets are the future of CAP and states, "I believe that myself and other Spaatz cadets, have a duty to help the cadets coming through the program."

1st Lt. **Sean W. P. O'Toole**

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During the New York Wing conference, Capt. **George Berghorn** became the third Rochester Composite Squadron member presented the Carl Spaatz Award after passing the exam on his first attempt.

Captain Berghorn learned about Civil Air Patrol from a classmate and joined the North Castle Composite Squadron in October 1989. Since he grew up in the Bronx, the captain was amazed at the opportunities provided for members.

Cadet Berghorn is an active member and participated in the Oshkosh '91 encampment and 1994 Fort Drum Encampment, where he served as cadet commander. He served the International Air Cadet Exchange program as a host for a French cadet in 1990, and as an exchange cadet in Holland in 1993.

During his transfer to State University College, the captain became Rochester Composite Squadron cadet commander and leadership officer.

Captain Berghorn will graduate in May with a bachelor degree in earth and political science. He will be attending Yale University this fall to pursue a masters degree in forest science in coastal and water shed systems. Afterwards, he plans to attend law school, obtain a Ph.D. in water resources and start a consulting firm for legal and scientific issues concerning water management.

Captain Berghorn plans to stay an active member in CAP. He has been named deputy for cadets in the Westchester-Hudson Composite Squadron and hopes to become squadron and group commander.

When questioned about his goals toward working with members, Captain Berghorn replied "I want to see other people get the same chance to learn that I had."

1st Lt. **Sean W. P. O'Toole**

**NEW YORK** — Earlier this year, Niagara Falls Composite Squadron of the New York Wing was honored to conduct a military funeral for Capt. **Martin "Marty" Miller**, former squadron commander and retired Air Force noncommissioned officer.

The funeral mass was celebrated at St. Stephens Catholic Church in Grand Island, N.Y., and the grave site service took place in the adjacent



Manchester, N.H., Mayor Raymond Wieczorak presents the Billy Mitchell Award to Chris Duquette during a recent unit open house.

Wing and Air Force liaison members represented by Maj. **Ryan Rickerby**.

Manchester Squadron members thanked everyone who assisted, especially Lt. Commander **Daniel Hurley** and U.S. Navy Reserve training staff for allowing the squadron to hold weekly meetings at their facilities.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** — As cadet commander of Manchester Cadet Squadron and cadet program aide of Seacoast Composite Squadron, Lt. Col. **Barry Croker** recently received a four-year U.S. Air Force ROTC Scholarship upon graduation from Oyster River High School in Durham, N.H.

Cadet Croker has remained an active member since his 1990 inception. He was awarded 1994 Cadet of the Year of New Hampshire Wing and received the National Commander's Commendation Award. He has served as vice commander and



Rochester Composite Squadron Capt. George Berghorn proudly received his Spaatz Award in a recent New York Wing conference. From left,

Maj. Dave Hunter, Captain Berghorn, Cadet 2nd Lt. Brian Lenhardt and Cadet Airman Timothy Lambie.

cemetery.

Maj. **L. Paul Heisig**, squadron chaplain, rendered a final salute to Captain Miller at the committal service and presented the flag to the widow.

Both services were attended by Lt. Col. **Barbara Manley**, Maj. **Edward Garbaty**, Maj. **Leonor Heisig**, Maj. **Gregory Winkist**, Tech. 1st Officer **Charles Calorosso** and 2nd Lt. **Robert Hull**.

1st Lt. **Frank Chiarella** did an outstanding job as the officer in charge. The squadron provided the chaplain, body bearers, honor guard, rifle team and bugler, which were augmented by TAK Composite Squadron personnel.

The seven member rifle team was commanded by Maj. **John Risio**, Niagara Falls Composite Squadron commander.

At the following luncheon, family and friends expressed their gratitude for the dignified military honors by cadets and senior members alike.

Captain Miller is survived by his wife **Mikki Dryburgh**, daughter Air Force Tech. Sgt. **Michele Dryburgh**, son-in-law Tech. Sgt. **Ron Dryburgh**, and grandchildren **Ashley** and **Nicholas Dryburgh**.

2nd Lt. **Robert Hull**

**PENNSYLVANIA** — Awards and promotions were presented at the Williamsport Composite Squadron banquet held recently.

The banquet commemorated 30 years of service given by Maj. **Kenneth E. Kelley**. Major Kelley was awarded the Paul E. Garber Award and 30-year pin by Lt. Col. **Roysetta C. Bruner**, commander of Pennsylvania Wing Group 2, and Capt. **David I. Lennon** of Group 2.

Promotions were presented to Cadet **Monica D. Sherman** to cadet technical sergeant and Cadets **Justin Fettes**, **Mark Shermanto**, and **Daniel Blanchard** to cadet airman first class.

Outstanding first year cadet was awarded to Cadet Airman **Chad T. Evenden**. Outstanding Cadet of the Year was awarded to Cadet **Sherman**.

Commander's Commendation awards were presented to Cadet **Sherman** and 2nd Lt. **Mark E. Stamm**. The outstanding senior award was presented to Maj. **Michael D. Mertes**.

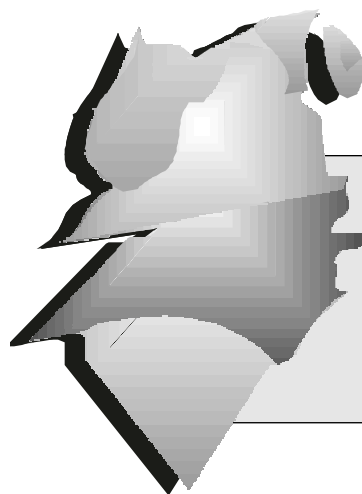
Special awards were given to **Helen Kelley**, **Sue Morris** and

**Anna Mertes**. A certificate of appreciation was given to Sgt. **Gene F. McPhee**, U.S. Army Recruiting Station.

Assisting Major Kelley with the awards were Colonel Bruner and Captain Lennon.

Guest speaker Sergeant McPhee spoke on leadership and presented Major Kelley with a leadership certificate from the Army recruiting station staff.

Major **Peggy Marks**



## Middle East Region

Commander  
Col. **Herman H. Maddox**

**MARYLAND** — The last meeting for Senior Member **Dominic Ward** of the Wicomico Composite Squadron was held in June.

Ward will be shipping to Ft. Lenardwood, Mich., for U.S. Army basic training in July. After two weeks leave, Ward will attend Advanced Individualized Training as a 91 Bravo or medical specialist at Fort Sam Houston.

Senior Member Ward is a former cadet airman and served as cadet and squadron leader. He participated on the Wicomico Composite Squadron 1995 Varsity Drill Team before joining Army active duty in the Delayed-Entry Program and turning senior member.

After six months as a senior member without grade, he was promoted to flight officer just

four days before leaving for training. Ward received his first salutes from Cadet Officer Maj. **Dwayne Phillips**, Cadet Lt. Col. **Eric W. Tiso** and Cadet Col. **Matthew R. Heusser**.

Cadet Col. **Matthew Heusser**

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In June, Cadet Tech. Sgt. **Patrick Ashdown** also attended his last meeting.

Shortly after graduating from Parkside High School, Cadet Ashdown was accepted by the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs to enter the class of 2000.

Cadet Ashdown is joining a cadre of Wicomico Squadron college-bound cadets, which assembled together to see him off. The group included: Cadet Flight Officer **Steve Austin**, a sophomore at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Cadet

**John Wolinski**, Air Force Academy 1st Classmen; Cadet Phillips, a Citadel sophomore; former cadet captain **Jacob McGuire**, a junior at Carnegie-Mellon University; Cadet Tiso, a junior at Salisbury State University; Capt. **Shawn Fry** and Cadet Heusser, both seniors at Salisbury State University.

Cadet Col. **Matthew Heusser**

**MARYLAND** — In May, the Indian Head Composite Squadron celebrated its first anniversary with an awards ceremony at its headquarters.

Group 3 Commander Lt. Col. **Larry Trick** and his predecessor Lt. Col. **Paul Beatley** attended to continue showing their support for the squadron.

Indian Head Naval Surface Warfare Center employees were recognized and given special thanks.

Cadet Lt. Col. **Ryan Logan** conducted an entertaining CAP missions presentation utilizing his emergency services gear with the help of Airman **Merv Roussell**.

Several promotions took place during the ceremony: deputy commander for cadets Airman Roussell was promoted to 2nd lieutenant; **Kathleen Damico**, 2nd Lt. and Navy Chief Gunners Mate **Ken Elliott**, **Robert Moorman** and **Ronnie Moorman** were presented with 2nd lieutenant certificates; **Shaun Murphy** was promoted to cadet airman. Ken Elliott also received a Certificate of Appreciation for all of his help and support before leaving for Guam in June.

Apollo I Composite Squadron Commander Maj. **David C. Williamson** was presented Senior of the Year for the countless hours he spent helping Indian Head Squadron members. Major Williamson traveled to Indian Head Squadron to teach basic emergency services, CAPF 76 radio operator permit classes, Extension Course Institute 0230A Scanner course and CAPF 116 Part 2 reviews when availability allowed. He assisted in writing recruiting material for cadets, ground teams and aircrews. The major has given 18 cadet orientation rides and six familiarization flights for Indian Head Squadron aircrews.

The awards ceremony concluded with the presentation of Cadet of the Year to Cadet Airman **Aldo Cox**. As a natural leader, Cadet Cox is an active and dedicated member in all squadron activities.

The evening concluded with dinner and tours of the Navy Underwater Operations Division Dive Locker conducted by Chief Gunners Mate **John Nicholson**.

Lt. **Catherine B. Logan**

**NORTH CAROLINA** — Tar River Composite Squadron Cadet Lt. Col. **Joseph Edward Rucker III** was elected to the Middle East Region Cadet Advisory Council Chair during the recent 1996 Middle East Region Conference held in Richmond, Va.

Cadet Rucker succeeds Cadet Lt. Col. **Tammy Jo**

**Blevins** of Saint Mary's Composite Squadron as chairperson. Cadet Blevins has become the Middle East Region's primary representative to National CAC, to which Cadet Rucker will serve as her alternate.

Cadet Lt. Col. **Joe Rucker**

**NORTH CAROLINA** — Carteret County has a new monument to honor and commemorate the excellent achievements of World War II veterans who served in Civil Air Patrol.

A granite memorial was unveiled in front of the CAP building at the Michael J. Smith Field off Highway 101 north of Beaufort, N.C. The six feet high memorial will rest in the original base headquarters location, which was established on Sept. 2, 1942.



In honor of World War II Veterans, a monument was placed in front of the original CAP base headquarters in Carteret County, N.C.

Although men and women from Georgia, South Carolina, New York and Maine heavily served in Coastal Patrol Base-21, the majority came from North Carolina.

During the first year of operation during World War II, CAPB-21 flew nearly two million miles with a total of 650 missions. During the missions, pilots and observers sighted six enemy submarines and nine life rafts, rescued 45 people and assisted 11 vessels in distress.

An average of 12 missions were flown daily without a single mission canceled for unfavorable weather or maintenance problems.

The original commanding officer Lt. Col. Frank E. Dawson of Mt. Olive commanded 80 officers and enlisted personnel at the air field.

The members who lost their lives while performing CAP activities were Lt. Guy T. Cherry of Kinston, Capt. H. Leonard "Len" Lundquist of Gastonia and Warrant Officer D.S. Williams of Wallace.

In addition, local residents Elizabeth Wade, Benny H. Baxter, Clarence "Snooks" W. Stamper and Jesse B. Permenter were also CAPB-21 members.

"I think it's great that we are





Prince William Composite Squadron cadets helped park and secure aircraft for display after

it's performance at the Drug Abuse Resistance Education show held at Manassas airport, Va.

finally honoring the men and women who defended our shores during World War II," said Capt. **Richard Willis**.

*2nd Lt. Jim Davis*

**VIRGINIA** — Cadet Capt. **Michael J. Newman, Jr.** relinquishes command at a recent Change of Command ceremony held at Newport News Composite Squadron headquarters.

Captain Newman was cadet commander of Newport News Composite Squadron for three of his five years with the squadron. He relinquished the squadron in preparation for graduation from Gloucester High School and enlistment in the U.S. Army.

Cadet Newman successfully completed the General Billy Mitchell Award which entitles him to enter Army training as private first class.

The cadet has accepted training in the military intelligence electronic warfare intercept tactical system repairer field at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

Senior squadron commander Maj. **Robert I. George**, remarked that he was a positive influence on the younger cadets, providing both a role model and

leader they could emulate.

Cadet Newman also served as a cadet lieutenant junior grade in Navy ROTC at his high school.

The new cadet commander Cadet 2nd Lt. **Steven Henn** has been a member since June 1994 and accepted the squadron flag from Major George.

The major commended the positive attitude and leadership qualities of Lt. Henn, who is an excellent student at James Blair Middle School in Williamsburg, Va.

Major George further commented, "Henn is also an outstanding runner and has been selected to serve as one of 25 Virginian Olympic torch bearers in the summer games relay."

*Maj. Robert I. George*

**VIRGINIA** — In May, almost 30 members of the Prince William Composite Squadron participated in the fifth annual D.A.R.E., Drug Abuse Resistance Education, show held at Manassas Airport.

The purpose of this event was to provide students with the opportunity to interact with positive role models and learn alternatives to using illegal drugs

and violence.

Over 15,000 students, teachers and family members were entertained by air shows and static displays of aircraft and law enforcement. The squadron's Cessna 172 and the Congressional Squadron's Cessna 182 were also on display.

The Prince William cadets received a special treat when they posed with the Army Golden Knights parachute team.

Another attraction was when the crowd met **Ron David**, narrator of the television program "Wings" and "America's Most Wanted."

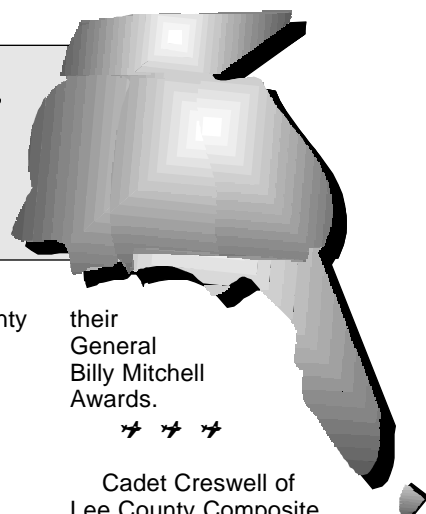
Prince William Squadron assisted in managing the flight line, providing radio communications and manning a recruiting booth. Members demonstrated and explained parts and instruments of the aircraft to curious visitors.

Members attending were Maj. **Linda Utting**, **Carl Lyon** of Group 3 staff, Maj. **Lyon** who was responsible for air operations on the ground, Capt. **Henry Ehrlich** from Congressional Squadron and Cadet **Bryan Sooter** of the Minuteman Squadron.

*Maj. Linda Utting*

## Southeast Region

Commander  
Col. Richard L. Bowling



**ALABAMA** — Chilton County Composite Squadron held Memorial Day Services in Clanton, Ala.

The keynote speaker was squadron commander Maj. **Richard Moncus**.

Maxwell Air Force Base Squadron provided the color guard commanded by Cadet Jason Brown. Flag bearers were Cadets **Matthew Price** and **Jason Frank**.

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In May, the Alabama Wing activated its first practice search and rescue exercise as part of the Southeast Region Chaplain Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base.

Ten base personnel, 13 aircraft and 16 pilots hosted 54 chaplains from around the region.

Before they finished, the chaplains experienced each base job and those who desired flew as scanners on actual grid searches.

To liven the practice up, an actual emergency locator transmitter signal was detected and permission to prosecute was obtained. The signal was tracked to the Prattville Airport about ten miles away. Yet before a ground team could locate it, the signal disappeared. Investigation revealed that a pilot made a hard landing and checked his ELT as an after thought.

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During May, Alabama Wing held its annual conference in Birmingham, Ala., and presented the 1995 awards to the following individuals and squadrons:

Squadron of Distinction, Maxwell Air Force Base Composite Squadron; Squadron of Recognition, Mobile Composite Squadron; Most Improved Squadron, 117th ANG Composite Squadron; Senior Member of the Year, Maj. **Dottis Elliott**; Communicator of the Year, Major Elliott; Cadet of the Year, Cadet Lt. Col. **Brandi L. Creswell**; Cadet General's Aide of the Year, Cadet 2nd Lt. **Jason Brown**; Most Improved Cadet, Cadet **Craig J. Carr**; Chaplain of the Year, Capt. **Edward Cleveland**; Safety Officer of the Year, Capt. **Clyde R. West**; Public Affairs Officer of the Year, Capt. **Hans D. Gray**. The Harry J. Howes Safety Award was presented to the Huntsville Composite Squadron; Outstanding DEA Pilot, 1st Lt. **Donald G. Sanders**. Unit citations were awarded to the Anniston Composite Squadron, the Huntsville Composite Squadron, and Lee County Composite Squadron. Cadets Jason Brown, Kristen Emerson, and Holly Ogden from the Maxwell Air Force Base Composite Squadron were presented

their General Billy Mitchell Awards.

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Cadet Creswell of Lee County Composite Squadron was named Southeast Region Encampment cadet commander in Opelika, Ala.

The encampment started in June and was held at the Tennessee National Guard Training Base in Ringgold, Ga.

All southeast region wing cadets were invited to attend.

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In May, Maxwell Squadron cadets returned to the home of Tuskegee Airmen to assist in the annual air show honoring trail-blazing pilots who proved that one's ability to fly didn't rely on skin color.

Cadets assisted the airport manager in aircraft marshaling and crowd and parking control. The manager told squadron commander Maj. **Ed Brown** that the air show would have been nearly impossible without his cadets.

A Navy C-130 and a Navy T34C were on static display at the show. A flight of Air National Guard F-16s made several low level passes, which was followed by an Air Force A-10 demonstrating its ability to maneuver at low altitudes.

Show highlights were demonstrations of world class aerobatic flying and classical wing walking.

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Maxwell Air Force Base Composite Squadron cadets assisted the Prattville Airport at their open house and Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in in May.

Cadets served food, provided crowd control, directed traffic and marshaled aircraft as necessary.

In return, cadets were given opportunities to fly with EAA pilots under one of their introductory flying programs for students. They were also given the opportunity to fly with a CAP cadet orientation pilot.

Although the weather delayed flying throughout the day, cadets signed off nine orientation flights.

A major highlight was a B-25 Mitchell *Old Grey Mare* that put on a show with two low level passes.

EAA complemented the cadets and the squadron commander for their efforts.

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In June, Senior Member **John W. Sandor** graduated from Marion Military Institute with an associates degree in science. Sandor was commissioned as

## CANADIAN AMBASSADOR VISIT



Five senior staff members and 45 Royal Canadian Air Cadets from Ottawa, Canada, swap buttons, cords and patches with three Middle East Region Honor Guard cadet commanders. The air cadets and commanders recently met

Canadian Ambassador to the United States Raymond Chretien during a five day tour of Washington, D.C. From left, Clint Green, Marco Campbell and Joseph Craven.

## Coast to Coast

2nd Lt. in the United States Army Reserve. During the ceremony, his girlfriend and his mother **Jean S. Sandor** pinned his bars while his father **William Sandor** watched.

Lieutenant Sandor will be returning to his native state of New Jersey to further his education.

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In June, cadets from the Maxwell Squadron assisted in providing directions and escorting attendees of the Gathering Of Eagles Banquet at the Montgomery Civic Center.

The banquet was part of air command and staff college graduation festivities that honored several aviation pioneering heroes from World War II. This group of Eagles proved there are no borders in aviation.

During the ceremony, cadets assisted two children from the Netherlands in placing a wreath at the memorial for foreign airmen killed in training accidents while in Alabama during World War II.

The children were joined in the remembrance by: Gen. **Jay Kelly**, Commander Air University; Commander Col. **Richard Cross Jr.**, Air Command and Staff College and Eagles; Gen. **Chuck Yeager**; Gabiha Gokcen from Turkey; **Paval A. Taran** from Russia; **Marcel Albert** from France; and **Stanley Vejtsa** a naval aviation hero.

Over 150 pilots and air crewmen were buried in their own section of Oaklawn Cemetery. The two children came to Montgomery to continue the Dutch tradition of decorating the graves of fallen soldiers in their own country. The children carry on the tradition so they can learn, understand, and remember the sacrifices made by men.

Assisting the Dutch children, were Master **Van Heusden, Ms.**

**Bruins and Cadets Timothy Spink and Jenny Isaacson.**

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In June, the Alabama Wing was advised to execute a search and rescue evaluation by the United States Air Force at the Gadsden airport.

Ground teams from Maxwell Squadron, Lee County Composite Squadron, Anniston Composite Squadron and Huntsville Composite Squadron arrived early to prepare themselves for a series of ground exercises.

Aircraft from across the state converged for the exercise.

The flight line was supervised by Maj. **Rick Hasha** and staffed by Maxwell Composite Squadron cadets.

A few hours after the mission was activated and aircraft and ground teams were searching for a simulated crash site, a "Mayday" was heard on 121.5 MHz. Aircraft and ground teams quickly readjusted to find the pilot. The only contact with the pilot was by radio on the emergency frequency. After considerable time, effort, and coordination with local law enforcement, fire and rescue units, it was determined that the "Mayday" signal was a hoax.

Despite the total failure to find the practice target, Air Force evaluators gave Alabama Emergency Services personnel an outstanding evaluation and ground teams a "well done."

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Aerospace and model rocketry held cadets attention as they built rockets at the Alabama Wing Cadet Quarterly held at Shelby County Airport in June.

The wing activity was led by Lt. **Susan Brooks**, Cadet Criswell and Maj. **Lynn Hasha**, cadet programs director. Capt. **Floyd Hosmer** completed wing arrangements and Cadet Criswell served as launch

director at the Flying X Ranch in Shelby County, Ala., where cadets launched their rockets.

They departed to their squadrons with rockets in hand as part of an ongoing model rocketry program.

Pat Mitcham

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Cadet Flight Officer Kristen Emerson, assigned to Maxwell Squadron, recently attended the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education where she had the opportunity to speak with her role model.

Cadet Emerson, looking forward to a career as a Naval Aviator, sat down with Lt. Commander **Lori Tanner**, a Naval Aviator test pilot presently flying FA-18 fighters at the Naval Airborne Weapons Test Facility in China Lake, Calif.

Commander Tanner spoke about the requirements involved in becoming a naval aviator and part of a cutting edge aviator team. She stressed the strong need for high grades in school, with a special emphasis on math and science.

Cadet Emerson was impressed with Commander Tanner and expressed a clear desire to follow in her footsteps.

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Lee Squadron Color Guard members were presented with a Commander's Commendation for their performance at the Bessemer Airport ground-breaking ceremonies.

Maxwell Composite Squadron commander Maj. **Ed Brown** and Cadet Brown received Commander's Commendations.

Public affairs director Lt. Col. **John A. Emerson** was awarded the Southeast Region Aerospace Education Brewer Award.

Four former squadron commanders were presented plaques commemorating their efforts and a special plaque of



Lt. Cmdr. Lori Tanner, a U.S. Navy F-18 test pilot, shares moment with Cadet Flight Officer Kristen Emerson at the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education in Little Rock, Ark.

thanks was given to former Alabama Wing commander Col. **Harry J. Howes.**

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**FLORIDA** — In May, cadets from south Florida flew 196 orientation rides in two days at Homestead Air Reserve Base.

The event "Tiger Weekend" was hosted by Group 10 of the Florida Wing. It consisted of eight squadrons that responded to a search and rescue training bivouac and mini flying encampment.

Ten aircraft, 149 cadets and 70 senior members participated, which included wing commander Col. **George Pringle** and Chief of Staff **David Mikelson**.

Activities included: flying, direction finding training, first aid, missing child search, rope bridge building, map and compass reading, survival techniques and attending a sunrise launch of the "Great Balloon Race."

During the event, an actual mission presenting itself. Air and ground crews were activated and found an emergency position indicating radio beacon on a boat in Key Largo, Fla.

Capt. **John Tuszl** coordinated ten aircraft and 15 pilots as they flew 98 cadets for two-half hour orientation flights. An efficient team of cadets kept the flight line safe and running smoothly. Assisting flight coordination was Capt. **Jim Watkins.**

1st Lt. **Carlos Carus, Sr.** coordinated all ground activities, which included checking-in and assigning cadets to a bivouac area, planning training classes and assigning instructors. Cadet instructors held informative training sessions and Lt. Col. **Jim Puglise** held a thorough direction finding class. Several other members assisted in assorted roles to make Tiger Weekend complete.

1st Lt. **Guy Gooch**, Group 10 communications officer, had the task of organizing communications between all ground elements and flying aircraft. He

was responsible for staff personnel staying in contact with each other and the mission base staying in contact with aircraft at all times. Lieutenant Gooch accomplished this task with the outstanding help and assistance from communications trained cadets and seniors.

Colonel Pringle presented General Turner with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Florida Wing for his continuous support and for making available all the many fine facilities on Homestead Air Reserve Base.

In an impressive ceremony on the flight line, Gen. **Larry Turner**, commander of the 482nd Fighter Wing, addressed members before presenting the Mitchell Award to Cadet **Navin Kalicharan** and Earhart Awards to Tamiami Squadron Cadets **Ryan Trentler** and **Torben Boch** who received the National Squadron of Merit Award.

Group 10 Commander Lt. Col. **Cal Morton** presented a new charter to the Southridge Cadet Squadron. Commander Senior Member **Jimmy Edwards** accepted the award and was promoted to 1st lieutenant.

Supporting the administrative duties for aircraft scheduling and records were ROTC cadets from Miami under the command of U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. **Todd Pemble**. The event was the first of several planned throughout the wing, intended for different groups and squadrons interacting and training together and providing an opportunity for more flying.

**FLORIDA** — Hernando County Composite Squadron was recently named the "Black Watch" squadron at an awards ceremony.

The Royal Highland Regiment in Scotland, gave permission to use the name to squadron commander Maj. **Charles Walter.**

**Ray Scott** of the United Kingdom presented Major Walter a plaque of the Black Watch, a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, a British union flag and the flag of

## FIRST-EVER CHAPLAIN TEAM



From left, Capt. Larry Durham, Lt. Col. Kermit Davis, 2nd Lt. Jo Durham and Capt. Jim Latiza pose for a group picture after a unique installation ceremony. The Durhams were recently installed as the first-ever husband and wife chaplain team for the Palm Beach Senior

Squadron. The Durhams are both seminary graduates and ordained ministers of Trinity International Church of Lake Worth, Fla. Conducting the ceremony was Colonel Davis, the Florida Wing chaplain, and Captain Latiza, chaplain for Group 5.

Scotland. The Hernando Squadron is the only squadron to be honored in this accord.

At the award dinner, Cadet Master Sgt. **Jami DeCordre** was named for her work, appearance and general knowledge. Cadet DeCordre also received a communications badge, ground team badge and search and rescue sortie badge.

1st Lt. Kathryn L. Robinson

**TENNESSEE** — Recently, in Natchez Trace State Park, Tenn., Oak Ridge Composite Squadron won the Tennessee

Wing ground team search and rescue competition for the fourth consecutive year.

Team members were judged in land navigation and electronic direction finding, administrative protocols, radio communications and a medical scene evaluation.

Team members were **Darla Dare, Christina Fisher, Todd Haynes, Tyler Steward, Justin Whitsett, Scott House, Justin Poole, Joel Stout, Joel Walsh, Steven Russ, Ben Saylor** and **Hiram Williamson**.

The SAREX was covered in the May 19, 1995, edition of *The Knoxville News-Sentinel*.

## Southwest Region

Commander  
Col. Thommie D. Herndon

**ARKANSAS** — As Fort Smith Composite Squadron cadets and senior members gathered recently for cadet orientation flights, they received a \$1,000 donation from Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield to support local Civil Air Patrol youth activities.

Squadron commander Capt. **Jerry Frisby** accepted the check from regional executive of Arkansas Blue Cross' West Central Region **Jim Stival**. The group was accompanied by BlueAnn Ewe, a six-foot tall, blue sheep that serves as Arkansas Blue Cross' ambassador of health and wholeness.

"The Cadet Program is designed to develop the potential of young persons through physical fitness, leadership skills, and moral and ethical education. In addition to numerous civic duties performed each year, cadets also participate in programs that help preserve our environment for future generations," Stival explained, who works at the Fort Smith, Ark., location.

"CAP and Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield are both committed to Arkansas' youth and their development. We sponsor youth programs that help them make mature decisions, assume responsibility for their actions and health at an early age. Then they can be at their best to make a positive contribution to their community," said Captain Frisby.

Kenneth V. Bell

**ARKANSAS** — Twin Lakes Composite Squadron Cadet **Jared Mandella** became the first cadet to obtain the coveted General Spaatz Award.

As the 12th cadet from the Arkansas Wing to receive the award, Cadet Mandella was presented the certificate from U.S. Representative **Tim Hutchinson** during a public

banquet held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars home in Mountain Home, Ark.

Those present at the ceremonies were: Arkansas Wing commander Col. **Sid Wilson**, north central area Air Force Academy Liaison Officer Col. **Kenneth Jones**, and retired U.S. Air Force Arkansas Wing Liaison Officer Lt. Col. **Jackie Foster**.

CAP involvement runs in the family for Cadet Mandella, who has been a Twin Lakes Squadron member since 1992. His parents **Ron and Debbie**



From left, Fort Smith Composite Squadron Cadets Levi Marshall, Airman 1st Class Scott Patton and Josh McMellone posed with BlueAnn Ewe after receiving a \$1000 check from Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

**Mandella** are senior members and his brother **Joe Mandella** achieved the Mitchell Award.

While attending Flippin High School, Cadet Mandella was a



Jared Mandella

consistent honor roll member always keeping an "A" average. He was a member of the basketball team and named

## OUTSTANDING FLIGHT CADET



Cadet Commander 2nd Lt. Lauren E. Emerson of Maxwell Air Force Base Composite Squadron is honored during an Air Force ROTC Change of Command ceremony at Prattville High School. Cadet Emerson was awarded Outstanding Cadet in her flight by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She receives a ROTC Academic Excellence award presented by retired Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Robert L. Patrick.

"Mr. Flippin High School" for 1996.

After graduating from Flippin H.S. in May, the cadet reported to Colorado Springs Air Force Academy in June. He is a member of the Class of 2000 and is majoring in mechanical engineering.

During his four years serving CAP, Cadet Mandella served as unit commander, received the Frank White Bielawski Memorial Solo Scholarship endowed by the unit public affairs officer and made his first solo flight in 1995.

Capt. Walter L. Bielawski

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Marc Bailey

Twin Lakes Squadron Cadet **Marc Bailey** is a member of the Class of 1999 at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., where he is majoring in chemical engineering. He also graduated from Flippin H.S. and received the Bielawski Memorial Solo Scholarship.

Capt. Walter L. Bielawski

**NEW MEXICO** — New Mexico Wing gathered some of its finest resources to practice for the Southwest Region Air Force Liaison Office Evaluation in May.

Under the leadership of mission coordinator Lt. Col. **Ruth Roberts** of Farmington, N.M., 43 senior members and eight cadets were tapped from around the wing to participate.

Twelve aircraft, both corporate and private, were used.

Newly appointed New Mexico Wing Chaplain Rev. **Ralph Coleman** from Albuquerque and New Mexico Wing commander Col. **Dennis Manzanarez** both joined the activities.

The simulated search site was rugged mountainous terrain southeast of Farmington, N.M. The object of the search was an orange and white Cessna 172 piloted by a 55-year-old male carrying no passengers.

Members were informed that no flight plan was filed and he did not reach his destination of Big Spring, Texas.

Several wing participants remarked on the similarity of this simulated search and the actual redcaps mission, which occurred in nearly the same location.

The local chapter of the American Red Cross set up a field tent for two days directly behind the mission base headquarters. This allowed pilots and crews to refresh themselves with food and juices while doing their paper work. The tent enabled other personnel to leave the base, while staying in constant radio contact.

The Red Cross also provided Emergency Medical Tech. Mrs. **Cheryl Carpenter** for the duration of the evaluation.

CAP cadets did an outstanding job as staff couriers, assisting Red Cross volunteers, and helping on the flight line and in communications room. Their training and dedication showed teamwork, for they willingly accepted all jobs.

One of two "hot" emergency locator transmitters located at the Four Corners Regional

Airport, caused a lot of movement by ground personnel. It was successfully found with a hand held ELT locator by Lt. Col. **Don Cooper**. The plane target, planted by liaison officers on a mountain side near Cuba, N.M., was sighted by a flight crew returning to base 15 minutes after the mission was suspended.

Good news came at the end of the day for New Mexico Wing members who received an overall rating of "Excellent."

Lt. Sharon M. Lane

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Cadet 1st Lt. **Zachary A. Lane** of Farmington, N.M., was awarded Cadet of Year Award for New Mexico Wing at the wing conference held recently.

Cadet Lane is a senior at Farmington High School. He joined Civil Air Patrol in the seventh grade and has been an involved leader ever since.

Cadet Lane currently serves as peer councilman and participated in the 1995 Cadet Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base.

In the fall, he will begin a nursing degree at San Juan College, yet plans to become a senior member in September.

Although he wasn't present for the award, fellow cadets from Farmington Composite Squadron gladly accepted it on his behalf.

Lt. Sharon M. Lane

**TEXAS** — During a change of command ceremony, six members of the Phoenix Composite Squadron switched positions in June.

With the recent good news of being appointed a primary candidate to the U.S. Air Force Academy, Cadet Lt. Col. **Jeremiah McClendon** stepped down as cadet commander of Phoenix Composite Squadron after two years.

Cadet McClendon joined Civil Air Patrol in November 1992 and rapidly rose to his current position. He accomplished the basic requirements and earned the Spaatz Award before leading the squadron in the wing's selection of Squadron of Merit for 1994. He was also instrumental in designing a squadron patch and worked for the acquisition of several new Dadaelian scholarships for local cadets.

Cadet McClendon soloed in Waco, Texas, in 1994 and attended Pararescue Orientation Course and International Air Cadet Exchange.

Upon his high school graduation, McClendon will begin Air Force Academy training in the hope to fly fighter aircraft while obtaining an aerospace degree.

Accepting the rank of squadron commander is 1st Lt. **Chris Chaplin**, who joined Phoenix Squadron in 1993. Lieutenant Chaplin has been a driving force in squadron activities and rapidly achieved CAP requirements, including Type A encampment at Ellington Air Force Base in 1994. He attained the radio officer permit, represented the squadron at the Cadet Advisory Council, attained Red Cross Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation



## Coast to Coast



From left, Capt. Gary Hebsacker, Capt. Allison and Lt. Chris Chaplin hold a cake that was served after the Phoenix Composite Squadron Change of Command ceremony.

qualification and plans to attend Cadet Officers School at Maxwell Air Force Base this summer.

Capt. **Mike Skaff** relinquished the senior squadron command after four years at the helm.

Captain Skaff joined CAP as a cadet in 1970 and rejoined as a senior member of Phoenix Squadron in June 1991.

In addition to resurrecting the squadron from near inexistence to the second fastest growing squadron in Texas in 1994, Captain Skaff enjoys flying cadets as an orientation pilot armed with the ratings of: commercial, instrument, single engine land and sailplane. He has amassed a total of 750 light aircraft and glider hours.

Accepting the rank of senior squadron commander is **Gary Hebsacker**, who spent nine years in the Army and attained the rank of E-6 before separating. Prior to joining Phoenix Squadron, Hebsacker spent five years as a Crusader Squadron

senior member in Dallas.

He holds the following ranks: airline transport pilot, commercial, single engine land and multi-engine land. He has 2150 flight hours and is qualified as a CAP mission pilot.

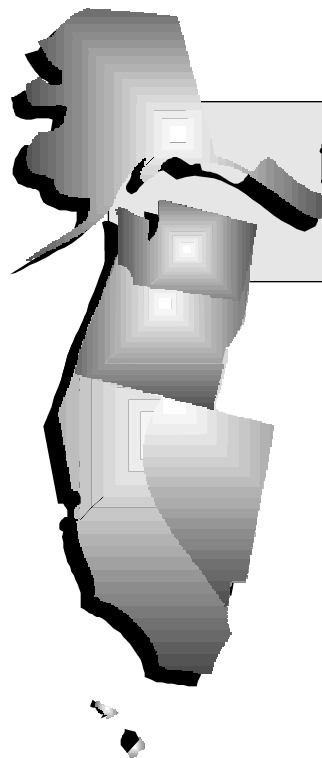
After years of serving as the aerospace education officer, Lt. Col. **Bob Russell** will transfer to public affairs officer. Colonel Russell served as an Air Force public affairs officer and attained 1000 flight hours in T-38 Talon and 1200 flight hours in F-15 Eagle before separating.

The colonel also holds commercial, instrument, multi-engine limited to center line thrust and single engine ratings.

The new deputy commander for cadets is Capt. **Brian Dumble**, who retired from the Canadian Army and spent 16 years working with the equivalent of CAP cadets in Canada.

He joined CAP after obtaining his nonresident alien status.

*Lt. Col. R.E. Russell*



## Pacific Region

Commander  
Col. Joseph A. Guimond

**Williams** and Cadet Lt. Col. **Christa Pravecsek** of Cable Composite Squadron, members successfully completed another supporting role at the air show. The cadets performed duties such as traffic and crowd control, and aircraft security.

The group operated and billeted in the Army National Guard Armory at the Watsonville airport. Cadets and tactical officers were assigned to flights and worked in shifts. During their spare time, members visited the unique food booths, numerous souvenir vendors and watched air performances. Food was prepared and served by: Senior Members Lt. Col. **Chris Lee**, Pacific Region staff; Maj. **Ned Lee**, R.G. Fowler Cadet Squadron; Capt. **Kathy Upton**, Santa Barbara Composite Squadron; and 2nd Lt. **Marilyn Hickey**, Squadron 46.

Cadet **Richard Ward** of Billy G. Turner Composite Squadron, and **Michele Pelkey** of McClellan Composite Squadron, participated at the air show for the first time and expressed their enjoyment and interest in returning next year.

Some of the California wing units supporting the air show were: Jay Weins Cadet Squadron, R.W. Rogers Composite Squadron, Jon E. Kramer Composite Squadron, Palm Springs Composite Squadron, McClellan Composite Squadron, Santa Cruz Composite Squadron, Antelope Valley Cadet Squadron, Almaden Valley Cadet Squadron, East Bay Cadet Squadron, Yuba-Sutter Composite Squadron, El Monte Composite Squadron, Glendale Cadet Squadron, Montgomery Composite Squadron, F. G. Powers Senior Squadron, Billy G. Turner Composite Squadron, El Cajon Composite Squadron, No Orange Composite Squadron, Camarillo Composite Squadron, Brackett Composite Squadron, Santiago Composite Squadron, Vandenberg Air Force Base; Los Alamitos Cadet Squadron, Beach Cities Cadet Squadron, R.G. Fowler Cadet Squadron, Santa Barbara Composite Squadron, San Fernando Composite Squadron and West Bay Composite Squadron.

*Maj. Fred Mahadocon*  
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In May, the Group 15 Annual Awards Banquet was held at Blake's Restaurant in West Covia, Calif.

Opening remarks were made by Group 15 commander Lt. Col. **Virginia Nelson** who commended the accomplishments of the members. She praised Group 15 for obtaining the most orientation rides in the state and the highest rating after an

inspection by the California Wing earlier in the year. Of the 12 areas inspected, five were rated outstanding and five were rated excellent.

California Wing Aerospace Education Director Capt. **Alden Wright** briefed the attendees on Space Shuttle STS7 and spoke about the "Endeavor" shuttle mission, its unique payload and inflatable antenna.

During the banquet, the chartering of the Billie L. LeClair Cadet Squadron 89 was installed in honor of Lt. Col. **Billie LeClair**. The colonel was bestowed this privilege in recognition of her 35 years of dedicated and faithful service to Civil Air Patrol. Despite being confined to a wheelchair for the past 27 years, she continues to be an active member, especially in emergency services and communications. Those presenting Colonel LeClair the new charter were Col. **Angelo Porco** and Colonel Nelson.

In 1987, the colonel was the recipient of the National Communicator of the Year Award.

Squadron 89 was first chartered in 1988 as the Ontario Cadet Squadron and is presently commanded by Maj. **Patrick Ward**.

Los Angeles Cadet Squadron received its second unit citation and remains the only squadron in Group 15 that possesses two unit citations. The award applies to the period from January 1990 to May 1996. During that time, the squadron acquired three California Wing and five Group 15 outstanding unit awards. The unit also received the American Legion's Outstanding Squadron Award for California.

Cadet Col. **Mark Hoferer** of North Orange County Composite Squadron received the Spaatz Award #1288. The award was presented by Colonel Porco on behalf of Brig. Gen. **Richard Anderson** and Gen. **Howard Brookfield**.

Capt. **Jack Ochs** was presented the Grover Loening Achievement Award.

Amelia Earhart Awards were presented to Cadet Capt. **Don Sewell** and Cadet Capt. **Anthony Trimboli**.

Other award winners were: Brackett Composite Squadron commander Lt. Col. **Ken Hartwell**, Senior Member of the Year; Colonel Hoferer, Cadet Officer of the Year; Cadet Master Sgt. **Timothy Pint**, Cadet Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; Capt. **Jackie DeCosta**, Pilot of the Year; Maj. **Morris Harris**, Observer of the Year; 1st Lt. **Cathy Levoni**, Ground Team Member of the Year; Capt. **Carolyn Ward**, 1995 Pacific Region Communicator of the Year; 2nd Lt. **Walter Mark**, Aerospace Education Officer of the Year; Cadet Capt. **Don Sewell**, Brackett Composite Squadron, Communicator of the Year; Brackett Composite Squadron, Senior Squadron of the Year; North Orange County Composite Squadron, Composite Squadron of the Year; and Billie LeClair Cadet Squadron, Cadet Squadron of the Year.

*Maj. Fred Mahadocon*

## SLIDE FOR LIFE



With some help, Cadet Nathan Beattie, right, of Ellington Composite Squadron, gears up for Slide for Life, a pilot-training exercise. Members from Pensacola Composite Squadron and Ellington Squadron participated in the event, which occurred during a recent flight training weekend in Pensacola, Fla. All members learned pilot survival techniques using life rafts, safety gear and parachutes.

**ALASKA** — At Merrill Field, Alaska Wing units flew 12 Federal Aviation Administration Ace Academy students from rural Alaska on a 45-minute orientation flight around the Anchorage bowl area in June.

CAP participated with the FAA in their Aviation Career Education Program and the University of Alaska's Fairbanks Upward Bound Program. Teenagers from the area's "bush" community readily attended the program.

Twelve students from rural Alaska participated in a three-day aviation camp sponsored by the FAA in conjunction with CAP. The FAA aviation academies are being conducted nationwide in an effort to provide young people an opportunity to explore career options within the diverse field of private, military and civilian aviation. The camp was created for youth to develop a better understanding of the major impact aviation makes upon their daily lives.

*Capt. D. Howard Yager*

**CALIFORNIA** — Since 1966, California Wing members have actively supported the West Coast Antique Fly-in and Air Show held annually in Watsonville, Calif. In keeping with tradition, the wing participated in the event's 32nd year with 22 senior members and 183 cadets.

This year the theme for the air show was "The Wonderful World of Women in Aviation." A special exhibit displayed pictures and narratives of women who contributed to aviation from pioneer Harriet Quimby to space shuttle pilot Lt. Col. Eileen Collins. Several members of the Women Air Force Service Pilots, the International Women Pilots Organization and International Women Helicopter Pilots Organization were present.

Among the more than 500 antiques and neo-classics were old war bird favorites such as the B-17 "Flying Fortress," F-8 "Bearcat," B-24 "Liberator" and P-51 "Mustang."

Under the guidance of Cadet Program Director Lt. Col. **Mark**

**CALIFORNIA** — Squadron 34 hosted a statewide mountain search and rescue exercise at Fortuna, Calif., in June.

Participating Civil Air Patrol squadrons included Marin Composite Air Rescue Squadron, Santa Rosa Squadron, McClellan Squadron, Los Alamos Squadron, Oroville Squadron, Beale Squadron and Redding Squadron.

Lt. Col. **Vernon Gross** acted as mission coordinator and California Wing Air Force liaison officer and Lt. Col. **Steve Webber** remained on hand to observe.

Upon checking into the exercise, participants received a training manual explaining how to safely operate a search in the harsh mountain terrain. Ground briefings included fundamentals of mountain flying and safety by Lt. Col. **Jan Ostrat** and post crash survival by Maj. **Gene Ratkowski**. Members were given the opportunity to ignite smoke and flares during a signaling device demonstration.

Mountain flying mentor pilots of Squadron 34 commander Lt. **Brian Newman** and Lt. **John Kinsey** were available to fly with mission pilot trainees.

posite Squadron for six years. During those years, he has risen to cadet lieutenant colonel, has served as cadet commander for two Washington Wing encampments and as cadet commander for Tri Cities Composite Squadron for two years.



**Dan Bauer**

This summer, Colonel Bauer will attend Air Force Pararescue Orientation Course and learn land navigation, repelling and survival techniques.

In 1995, Colonel Bauer was selected as a cadet representative to Great Britain with the International Air Cadet Exchange Program. He has also received the Commander's Commendation award.

Colonel Bauer is a student at the University of Portland and enrolled in the Air Force ROTC. He received the Distinctive General Military Course award for outstanding cadet performance in the spring semester.

Advisor Col. **Garland W. Pagett**.

As a highly active member, Cadet Purtee has commanded the Olympia Composite Squadron for 18 months, achieved five finds as a ground team member and soloed in the 1994 Washington Wing Flight Encampment. He is qualified in communication and has attended three national leadership schools. Cadet Purtee was encampment commander for the 1995 Experimental Aircraft Association Arlington Airshow and the 1995 Washington Wing Winter Encampment.

He intends to pursue an Air Force career, but first will act as encampment commander for the 1996 EAA Arlington Airshow and the Washington Wing Summer Class A Encampment. He will also journey to Israel with the International Air Cadet Exchange program.

Along with oldest daughter **Charlene Purtee**, the colonel joined CAP while on active duty as an Air Force officer. One year later, the second daughter, **Rosalie Purtee** joined. In 1988, Captain Purtee joined who was soon followed by Cadet Purtee in 1991.

Participation in CAP activities has grown through the years in the Purtee family, now occupying every three out of four weekends.

Over the years, each of the Purtee cadets earned Washington Wing Cadet of the Year. Charlene received the award in 1987 and will be stationed in Turkey after her graduation from the Air Force Academy. Rose received the award in 1991 and is 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army stationed in Korea following a ROTC tenure at the University of Washington. Mathew received the award in 1995.

At the Washington Wing Conference, Colonel Purtee was selected Wing Staff Member of the Year for initiating and developing curriculum, staff and logistics to provide for the Washington Training Center. The training center combines opportunities for emergency services training, aerospace education seminars, cadet instruction and senior level training courses from Level I to specialty track sessions and workshops.

In the last year, the colonel coordinated and encouraged the renovation of the wing training facility at the Ephrata Airport. This effort started monthly training sessions on both sides of the Cascade Mountains.

Colonel Purtee initiated the Squadron Commander's Workshop for the Washington Wing to guide squadron commanders of all levels to successful leadership.

Colonel Purtee achieved Squadron of the Year serving as commander of the Olympia Composite Squadron. He currently acts as mission observer.

Captain Purtee was presented Washington Wing Senior Member of the Year. While working with Olympia Composite Squadron as finance officer, she edits the quarterly Washington Wing magazine and supplies a



**Lt. Col. Cal Taylor** proudly holds the Pacific Region Squadron of Distinction Award alongside, from left, Brig. Gen. Richard L. Anderson, Gen. Warren Barry, Col. Ernest Pearson and Col. Ed Lewis at the Pacific Region Conference.

weekly "Wing Tips" information sheet and calendar to each squadron.

As a ground team leader, the captain lead four actual searches and during two occasions her team recovered the bodies of lost individuals.

**WASHINGTON** — In May, the Washington Wing stood proudly at the Pacific Region Conference in Portland, Ore.

Olympia Composite Squadron was selected Squadron of Distinction by the region and continues to compete on the national level. Contributing factors for this award included the number of members who accomplish training levels,

overall squadron program and participation in wing and national activities. Lt. Col. **Cal Taylor** received the award with streamer for the squadron.

Bellingham Composite Squadron Commander Maj. **Teresa Jones** accepted the region Squadron of Merit award from her husband, Col. **Doug Jones**, Washington Wing commander. While accepting the award, Major Jones was surrounded by National Commander Brig. Gen. Richard Anderson, Gen. **Warren Barry**, former national commander, Pacific Region Commander Col. **Ernest Pearson** and Col. **Ed Lewis**, former Pacific Region commander.

*Capt. Karen Purtee*



**California Wing members** ignited smoke and flares during a signaling device demonstration at a mountain search and rescue exercise in June.

Air exercises included an emergency locator transmitter search, navigation by visual reference, contour ridge flying and operations at mountain airports. Actual airplane wreckage and ground teams acting as survivors added to the realism of the exercise. One of the targets was the remains of a B-17 that crashed during WWII.

Lt. **Jaye Inabnit**, Squadron 34 public affairs and communications officer, arranged for press coverage of the exercise from local ABC and NBC TV news stations and *The Times Standard* daily newspaper.

**WASHINGTON** — At McChord Air Force Base, Cadet Lt. Col. **Dan Bauer** of Washington Wing's Tri Cities Composite Squadron received the Air Force Association award for Most Outstanding Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year for 1995.

Colonel Bauer has been a member of the Tri Cities Com-

**WASHINGTON** — For the Purtee family, Civil Air Patrol has been a family tradition since 1985. Among its five members, the Purtee family totals 45 years of service in the Washington Wing.

In May, three members were honored during the Pacific Region Conference held at the Portland Sheraton in Portland, Ore. Cadet Lt. Col. **Mathew Purtee** was presented with the Torchbearer Award by the U.S. Air Force liaison officer of the Washington Wing. The award represents the cadet who is the greatest example of outstanding leadership in all areas of the CAP program. Cadet Purtee selected his parents Lt. Col. **David Purtee** and Capt. **Karen Purtee** as his mentors. They were each awarded a distinctive plaque that will be on display in the liaison officer's office. The certificates were presented by National Commander General Anderson and Senior Air Force



**COLORADO** — Lt. Col. **Jack Haveline**, the last founding member of 76 senior squadron, retired in April after 41 years of service to Civil Air Patrol.

Colonel Haveline joined CAP in May 1955 as a search and rescue pilot. He flew missions until September 1965. At times he was the only pilot flying in his own aircraft. He said it was "a good way to get free gas to go flying."

The colonel transferred to 76 Senior Squadron from Colorado Wing Staff in March 1982. He has served as assistant aerospace testing officer, deputy commander and commander. He is currently the finance officer on the finance board.

He obtained a University of Colorado Aerospace Teaching Certificate and has the only Aeronautical Rating Certificate issued by CAP.

He formed the first women's Colorado Wing squadron in the Midwest.

He took the Civil Defense Course and received a certificate to teach in the Colorado Wing.

He served as deputy commander and commander of Lowry Cadet Squadron and of the original Denver Senior Squadron.

He has completed the ECI course, Level I, Squadron Officers Course, Military Management Course, Air Search and Rescue course, National Staff College and Air War College and holds a masters rating as an aerospace education officer having attended numerous region and national aerospace conferences.

He was selected escort officer for special activities in 1972 and for the International Air Cadet Exchange in 1982.

His awards include Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving, Meritorious Service Award, National Commander's Commendation with clasp, Unit Citation, Gill Rob Wilson Award, Paul Garbor Award, Grover Loening Award, leadership award, membership award, aerospace education award, Red Service Award, Rescue Find Award with double clasp, Search



## Coast to Coast

and Rescue Award, Disaster Relief award, IACE Ribbon, encampment ribbon, senior recruiter ribbon with clasps, National Aerospace Chuck Yager Award and was nominated for the Frank G. Grever Memorial Aerospace Award.

*Lt. Col. Nancy Hollis*

**COLORADO** — Air Academy Composite Squadron proudly announces the graduation and commissioning of Capt. **Mark Malan** from the U.S. Air Force Academy. Attending the May commissioning ceremony were Cadets **Radzikowski, Grogger,**

**Wilkinson, Mair, Deniston** and Maj. **Pat Cross**, former unit commander. Other attendees were Maj. **Ralph Yuhasz**, Colorado Wing chaplain and Puerto Rico Wing Cadet **Jacqueline Epperson**.

In May, Capt. Malan was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree and graduation plaque by Gen. **Ronald Fogleman**, Air Force Chief of Staff. Capt. Malan will stay at Air Force Academy until March 1997 when he leaves for pilot training. Air Academy congratulates him on his achievement.

*Maj. Pat Cross*

mended the staff and gave an outstanding rating to every individual. The Minnesota Wing received an overall excellent rating. Colonel Hokkanen complimented all of the participants for their emphasis on safety and flexibility during the changing scenarios.

Colonel Hoium did an outstanding job of making the exercise progress with the amount of wing personnel and equipment available.

*Capt. Robert Johnson*

**MINNESOTA** — In June, two Minnesota Civil Air Patrol pilots quickly spotted a downed 1986 Piper Malibu six miles north of Aitkin, Minn.

The passengers were four prominent Ottumwa, Iowa, men who were returning home from a fishing trip in Canada. Passengers were David Carpenter, Philip Drumm, Jerome Yetley and William Dew. No survivors were found among the wreckage.

Crow Wing Composite Squadron chaplain Capt. **Don Haarup** was contacted by wing chaplain Maj. **Friedl Westerlund** who informed him of the situation. Captain Haarup telephoned the four families to express condolences and offer his services.

The families accepted his kindness and during the next week, aid was provided through a series of daily telephone calls. The chaplain contacted the Federal Aviation Administration for voice recordings, television stations for videos and rescue workers for details. He spoke with local residents for map information and the sheriff and

## North Central Region

*Commander  
Col. Nicholas J. Knutz*

start line and grid searches. Other wing aircraft were utilized to haul staff and supplies to a remote base in Brainerd, Minn.

Throughout the day, new information was discovered and narrowed the search area just as an actual mission. Search objectives were met and scenarios were solved as the result of hard work and careful planning. At the post-mission debriefing, it was agreed by wing emergency services staff that the results reflected an actual mission.

*Col. Jerry Hokkanen com-*

**MINNESOTA** — Minnesota Wing emergency services staff conducted a unique search and rescue exercise this year by not revealing the location until the day of the event.

The only SAREX staff member selected in advance was Minnesota Wing Chief of Staff Lt. Col. **Dale Hoium**, who acted as mission coordinator.

In May, Colonel Hoium reported to wing headquarters in St. Paul and was informed a plane departed from Worthington, Minn., yet hadn't arrived at its destination of Moose Lake, Minn. Besides the pilot's name, no other information was presented.

The colonel immediately called members and within two hours had a staff assembled at wing headquarters, which was used as the main base due to its central location.

Details of the mission were carefully written down and assembled in a binder by Capt. **Scott Sinks**.

Colonel Hoium and his staff contacted additional wing members and called the Worthington FBO to receive flight and pilot information from the Worthington Squadron commander. Members determined the resources and aircraft needed to complete the mission.

As an additional test, Maj. **Roger Brogren** presented Colonel Hoium with a second scenario involving a missing balloon. Major Brogren acted as the contact for additional information on the missing balloon.

With more than one scenario in progress, Colonel Hoium appointed Captain Sinks, Major Brogren, Maj. **Mike Mandy**, Lt. Col. **Sexton** and Maj. **Bill Cleary** as mission coordinators.

After a briefing for participants, aircraft took to the air for



Capt. Don Haarup and Lt. Tom Pfingston, of Minnesota's Crow Wing Composite Squadron, went above and beyond the call by helping the families of four plane-crash victims.



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Lt. Col. Barney Uhlig, top, and Lt. Col. Kevin Sliwinski update the mission board during a recent Minnesota Wing search and rescue exercise.



pilot who intercepted the distress call.

The personal belongings in the aircraft were released from the FAA to the Aitkin County Sheriff's Department and later released to CAP for return to the respective owners' next of kin.

Wing Crow Squadron members Captain Haarup and pilot Lt. **Tom Pfingston** made the flight and delivery.

The four widows and family members gathered around the belongings as they were unloaded. The Ottumwa families are deeply grateful to the Aitkin County agencies and volunteers who participated in the search and recovery of their loved ones, but will never forget the kindness and generosity of CAP.

**NEBRASKA** — Lincoln Cadet Squadron of the Nebraska Wing toured a static display of NASA's mock-up of the International Space Station.

The display was hosted by the University of Nebraska at Lincoln through the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., and is touring college campuses around the country.

Senior Members **Connie Paxton** and **Matt Berggren** escorted six cadets who are interested in the Cadet Aerospace Education program.

The tour gave an overview of what life would consist of aboard a space station in the year 2002.

*Cadet Jamie Marxsen*



## Great Lakes Region

Commander  
Col. Denzil Allen

**ILLINOIS** — The Illinois Wing Packet Committee met to discuss a recently completed communications exercise and mission.

The committee was especially helpful discussing technical information.

Committee members decided the use of voice is still the choice for rapid, short answers to questions and although the APRS system is operational, it will be expanded in the future.

The packet training program was reviewed by the committee and will be presented in an upcoming meeting.

A special roster of packet stations will be developed and available on the bulletin board.

Those attending the meeting were: Illinois Wing packet coordinator and Group 4 commu-

nications officer Lt. Col. **Weldon Oetken**; Capt. **John Rudd**, Illinois Wing net control station and Group 14 communications officer; Lt. Col. **James Weiland**, Illinois Wing director of communications; Palatine Squadron commander Lt. Col. **Ken Newbanks**; 1st Lt. **Pat Ryan**, Group 22 communications officer; and Maj. **Fred Wujek**, Group 4 staff member.

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Illinois Wing recently conducted an air mobile support team communication exercise.

The three bases involved were Du Page County Airport, Greater Rockford Airport and St. Louis Regional at Alton. The bases were operating from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. using both VHF and high frequencies.

Five stations participated in the two-hour communications exercise.

Sixty-one communicators were active among the three bases performing commu-

tions jobs. Other personnel were active in base operations.

The main exercise communication was high frequency, which was used from Alton to Du Page. The air-to-ground frequency was used extensively at all three bases.

VHF packet and voice repeaters were used between Du Page and Rockford. New CAP flight call signs and several automatic position reporting system equipped aircraft were used during the mission.

Combined closing reports from the three bases indicated 159 cadets and seniors participated, 13 aircraft flew 36 sorties and nine CAP vehicles were used for 27 ground team sorties.

*Lt. Col. James P. Weiland*

**WISCONSIN** — During a recent Rock County Composite Squadron meeting, Cadet Col.

**Brian Winchel** received the Spaatz Award.

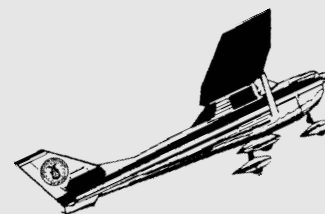
Gen. **Chas Scharine**, U.S. Army retired, presented the award to Cadet Winchel.

Those present at the ceremony representing Wisconsin Wing were commander Col. **Larry Stys**, vice commander Lt. Col. **John Egan**, U.S. Air Force Wisconsin liaison noncommissioned officer Master Sgt. **Terry R. Norby** and Lt. Col. **Larry Ochowski**.

Other dignitaries present were Rep. **Wayne W. Wood**, Wisconsin Assembly and Sgt. **Frank Cameron**, U.S. Army Recruiter.

Cadet Winchel has enlisted in the U.S. Army and left for basic training in June.

Letters of congratulations were received from the following individuals who couldn't attend: U.S. Rep. **Mark Neumann** and Wisconsin Sen. **Tim Weeden**.



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